

SSB 5509 - H AMD 541

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1 On page 1, line 14, after "fees," insert "child restraint system
2 rental fees,"

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4 On page 2, beginning on line 18, strike all of subsection (5), and
5 insert the following:

6 "(5) The following definitions apply to this section unless the
7 context clearly requires otherwise:

8 (a) "Vehicle license cost recovery fee" means a charge that may be
9 separately stated and charged on the rental contract in a car rental
10 transaction originating in Washington state to recover costs incurred
11 in the state of Washington by a rental car company to license, title,
12 register, plate, and inspect rental cars; and

13 (b) "Child restraint system rental fee" means a charge that may be
14 separately stated and charged on the rental contract in a car rental
15 transaction originating in Washington state to recover the costs
16 associated with providing child restraint systems."

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18 On page 2, after line 24, insert the following:

19 "(6)(a) If a rental car company includes a child restraint system
20 rental fee as a separately stated charge in a rental transaction, the
21 amount of the fee must represent no more than the rental car company's
22 good faith estimate of the rental car company's costs to provide a
23 child restraint system.

24 (b) If a rental car customer pays a child restraint system rental
25 fee and the child restraint system is not available in a timely
26 manner, as determined by the rental car customer, but in no case less
27 than one hour after the arrival of the customer at the location where

1 the customer receives the vehicle or vehicles, (a) the customer may
2 cancel any reservation or other agreement for the rental of the
3 vehicle or vehicles, (b) any costs or penalties associated with the
4 cancellation are void, and (c) the customer is entitled to a full
5 refund of any costs associated with the rental of the vehicle or
6 vehicles."

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EFFECT:

(1) Rental car businesses may include a child restraint system rental fee as a separately stated charge in a rental transaction, in which case the amount of the fee must represent no more than the rental car company's good faith estimate of the rental car company's costs to provide a child restraint system.

(2) Rental car customers who reserve a child restraint system are allowed to cancel the reservation for the vehicle without penalty and receive a full refund if the child restraint system is not provided within one hour of the customer's arrival at the location where the customer expects to receive the vehicle.

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